

SUBJECT No. 249.

Running a through carriage between Shimoga and Bangalore.

Mr. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The need of a through composite carriage is felt by all persons that travel between Shimoga and Bangalore. The mail trains in both directions come and stop at late hours of the night at Birur when passengers are generally asleep, and they are consequently put to much trouble and inconvenience for want of a direct conveyance to their destination. Government may therefore take some effective steps to afford some convenience to the passengers as the railway authorities have been indifferent to these grievances.

Reply of Government.—The railway authorities will again be addressed in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 250.

Accommodation to 3rd class passengers at the Birur Station.

Mr. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The third class passengers who travel from Shimoga to Bangalore and *vice versa*, especially by the mail trains, are put to much hardship at the place of transshipment, *viz.*, Birur, for want of suitable accommodation and are left to the tender mercies of the elements and the railway police. The troubles of the third class passengers at this station may kindly be taken into consideration by Government and the Railway Agent may be requested to remedy this evil early.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 251.

Waiting rooms for third class female passengers.

Mr. Moulvi Dervish Peer, Anjuman-i-Himayath Islam, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—Separate waiting rooms for third class female passengers may be provided at all important and busy railway stations, like Bangalore, Mysore, Bowringpet and Birur, etc.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

MUZRAI.

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SUBJECT No. 252.

Alteration of rules regarding charitable deposits.

Mr. M. L. Narasimha Iyengar, Y. S. V. Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—In the rules framed for acceptance of charitable deposits, rate of interest at 4 per cent is allowed and the minimum deposit is Rs. 3,000. The minimum may be reduced to Rs. 1,000 and interest allowed at 5 per cent as before so as to encourage the deposit of amounts for charities.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 253.

Administration of the proceeds of investments for charitable purposes.

Mr. T. Venkatappa, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When any investment of funds is made by a person for charitable purposes, and the amount is invested in the Government Savings Bank or other securities, a scale of expenditure is fixed for the administration of the proceeds of the investments. Owing to various causes, the expenditure on certain items of the prescribed scale has to be exceeded and the expenditure on others reduced though the total expenditure is kept within the prescribed amount. As this expenditure is only for charitable purposes and not for the donor's private

purposes the donor may be allowed the liberty of varying individual items while confining himself to the total amount.

Reply of Government.—The reduction of expenditure on certain items and the increase on other items will be allowed with the approval of the Deputy Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 254.

Investment of surplus funds of temples.

Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The net income of temples after defraying all the charges may be invested in the Government Savings Bank or Government of India promissory notes.

Reply of Government.—Noted. This is being done as far as possible.

SUBJECT No. 255.

Management of Muzrai institutions.

Mr. K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—There is a very large number of Muzrai institutions in the State especially in the malnad districts. Many institutions are not examined even at long intervals and their affairs are generally mismanaged. The revenue officers being busy with their revenue and magisterial duties, cannot devote their time and attention to these institutions. A special Muzrai officer may be appointed at least for a time, to set matters right by placing such institutions on an organized basis and arranging for the maintenance of regular accounts in them.

As the revenue officers do not bestow much attention to the management of temples and *chattrams* endowed with *inam* lands, non-official Taluk and District Committees may be appointed as in the Bombay Presidency to supervise the affairs of these institutions subject to the control of the Deputy Commissioner.

The *inam* lands allowed to several Muzrai institutions by Government are being enjoyed by private individuals, and even the regular services in the temples are not performed. Several institutions are being thus ruined. Such institutions may be taken over under the management of the Muzrai Department, and committees consisting of village officials and other respectable men in villages may be appointed to supervise their affairs and have a proper control on the income and expenditure in the institutions.

Reply of Government.—The question of appointing committees will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 256.

A committee to enquire into Muzrai institutions.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—A committee may be appointed to enquire into the condition of all charitable Muzrai institutions in the State.

Reply of Government.—Noted.